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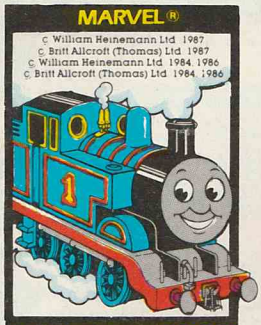

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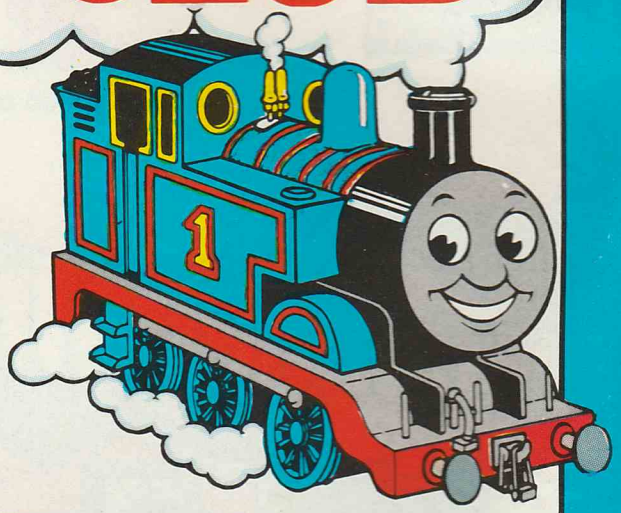

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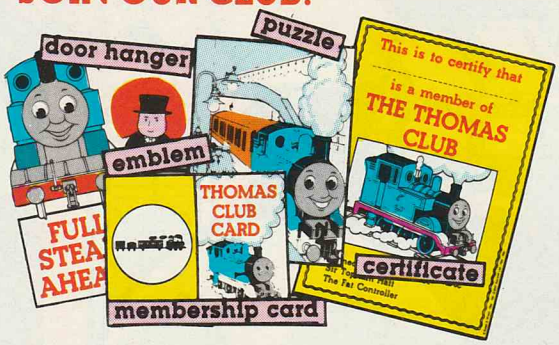

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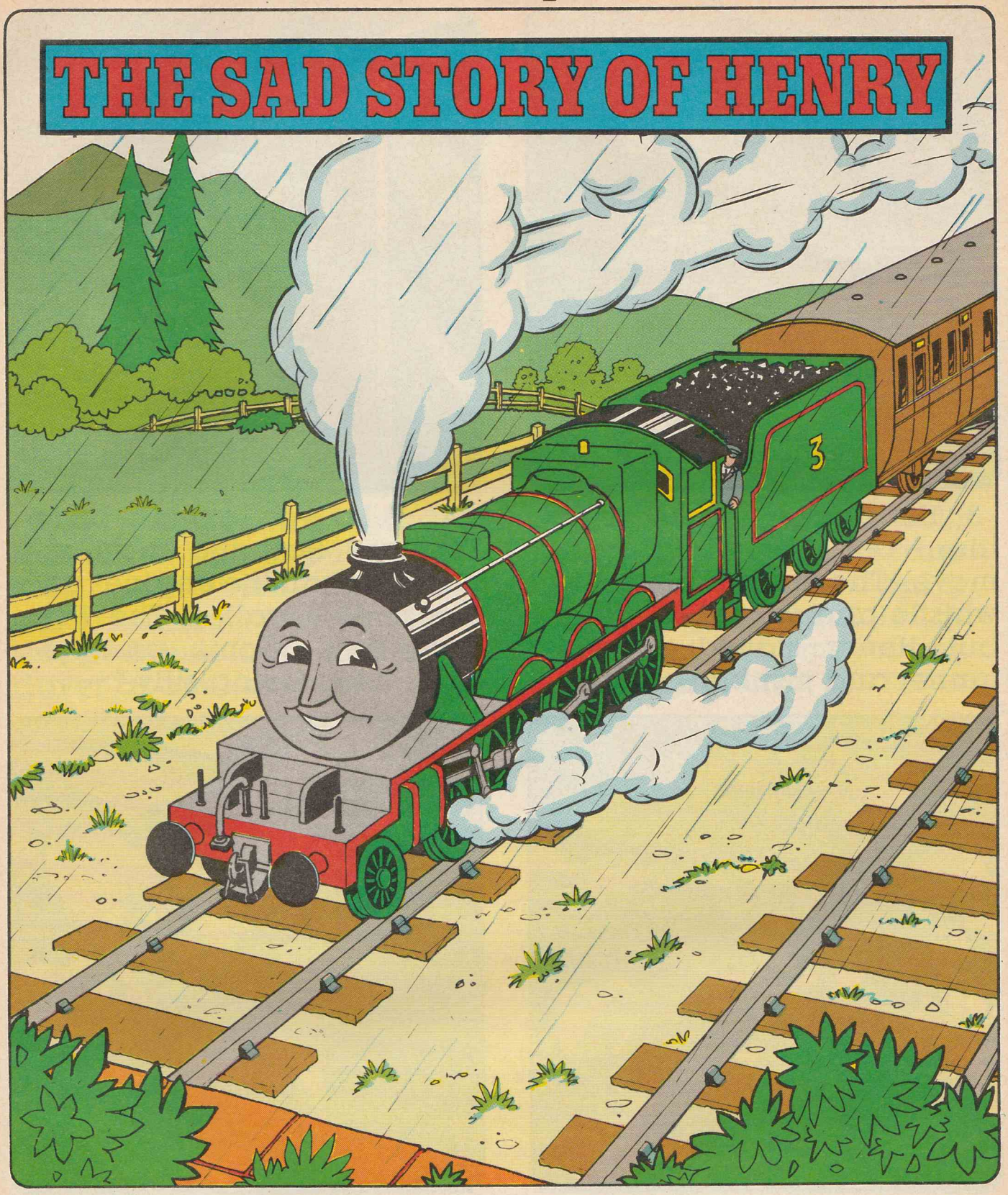
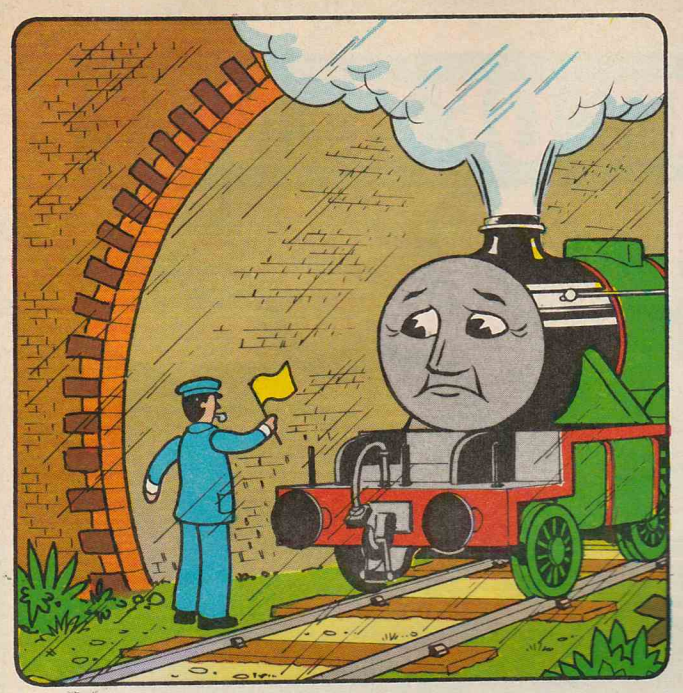


1. Thomas has many friends at the big station on the Island of Sodor. One of these is a big green engine called Henry. Henry was very proud of his paintwork.

2. One day it rained. Henry hated the rain. "It will spoil my lovely green paint and red stripes," he said. He went into a tunnel and refused to come out.



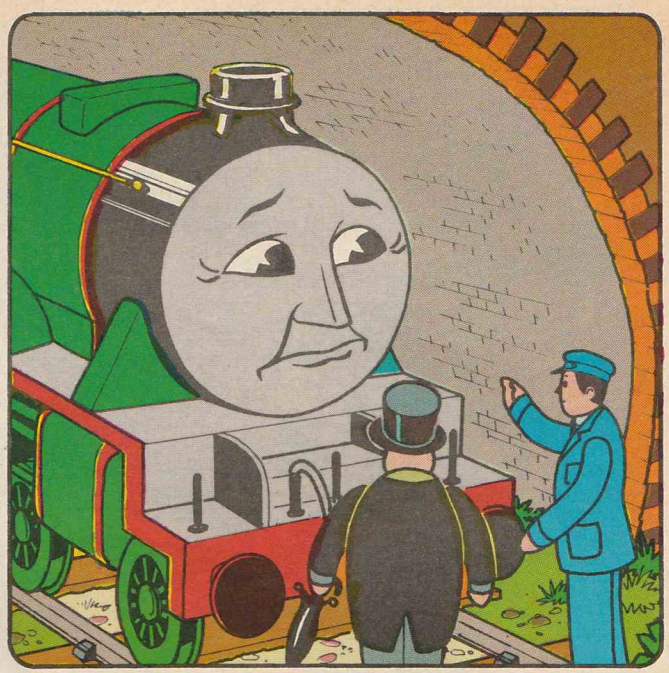
3. His driver argued with him, but he would not move. The guard blew his whistle and waved his flag but Henry stayed in the tunnel and just blew steam.

4. Along came Sir Topham Hatt, the man in charge of all the engines on Sodor. He's called The Fat Controller. "Come on," he said. "Stop being silly."

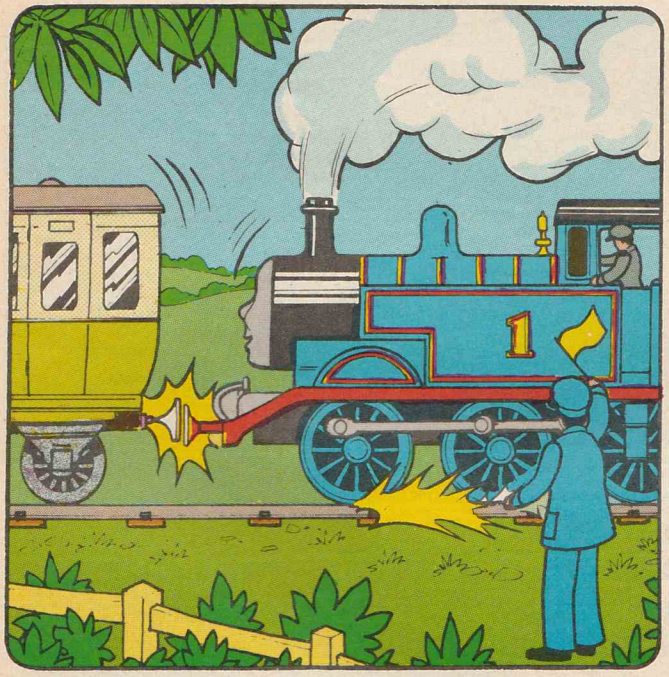
5. Henry ignored him. "We will pull you out," said the Fat Controller. But Henry only blew steam at him. Everyone pulled, except for the Fat Controller.

6. But still Henry stayed in the tunnel. Then the Fat Controller told everyone to push. "One, two, three, push!" he said quickly. But he didn't help.

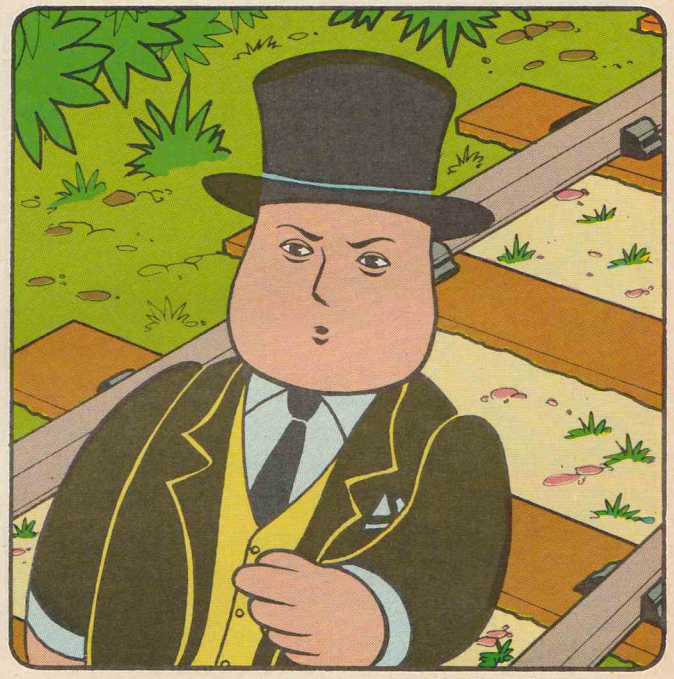
7. "My doctor has forbidden me to pull or push," he said. Just then Thomas came along. The guard stopped him and told the driver about Henry.



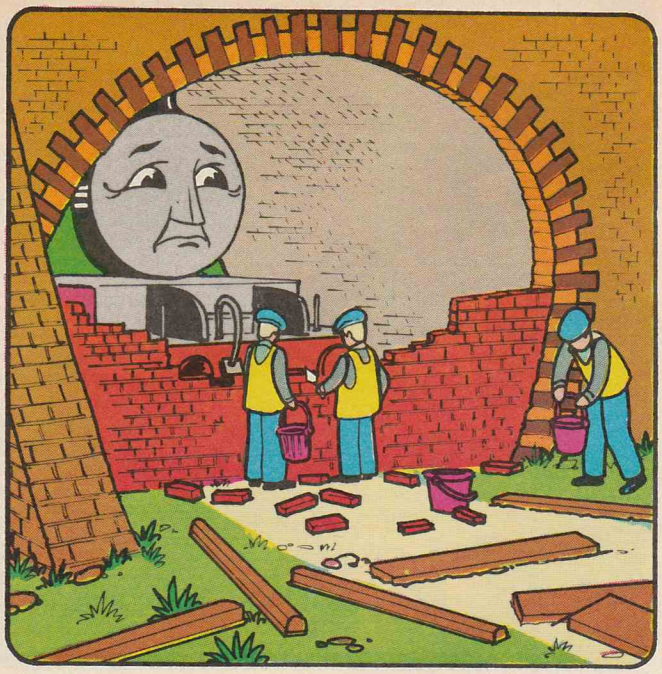
8. Everyone argued with Henry. "It has stopped raining," they said. "Yes, but it will rain again," said Henry. "What will become of my paintwork then?"



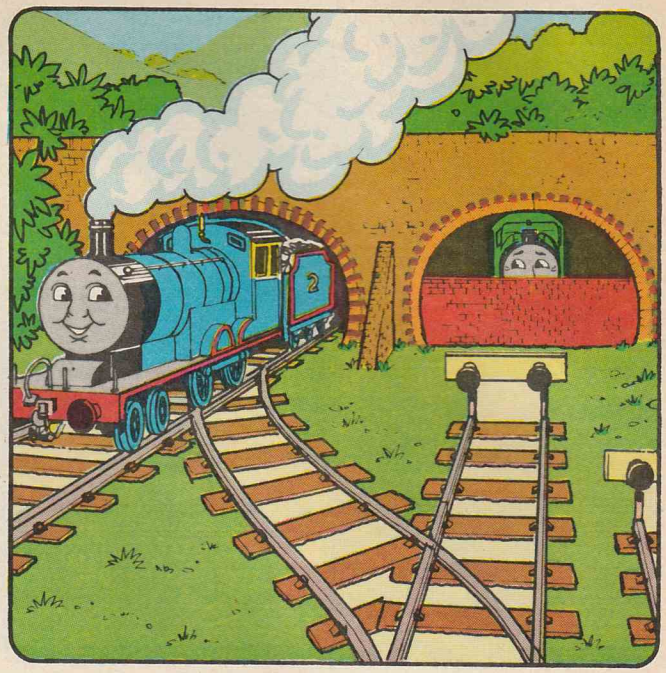
9. Thomas pushed and puffed, and pushed as hard as ever he could. But still Henry stayed in the tunnel. Eventually, the Fat Controller gave up.



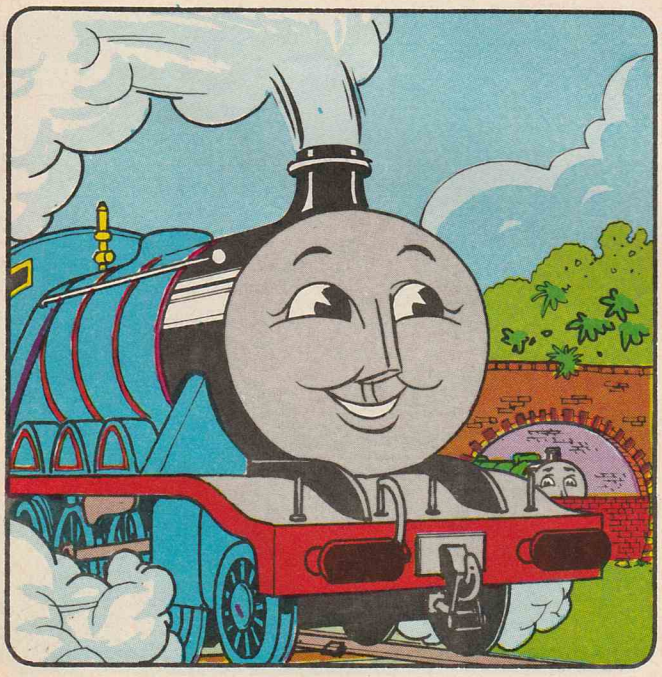
10. "We shall take away your rail," he said. "And leave you for always and always." Henry didn't like the sound of this. But still he wouldn't come out.



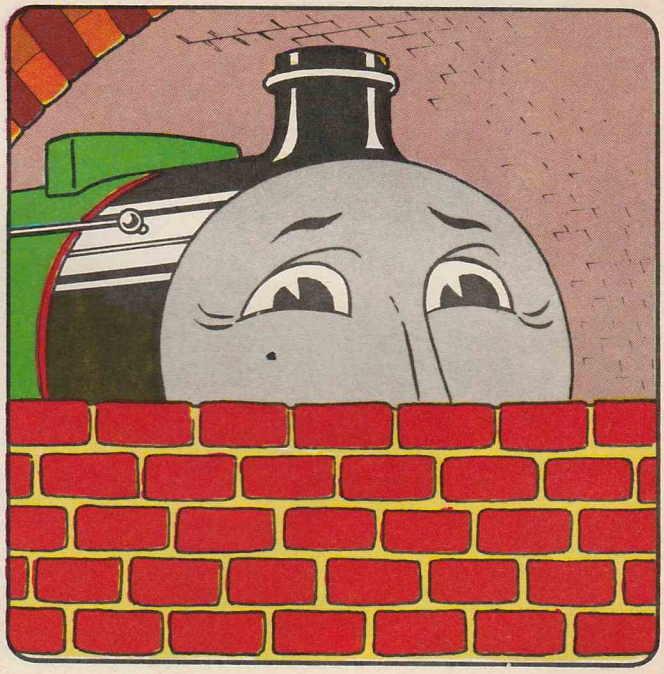
11. The Fat Controller sent for his workmen. They took up the old rails and built a wall in front of Henry so he couldn't get out of the tunnel anymore.



12. All he could do was to watch the trains rushing through the other tunnel. He was very sad because he thought no one would see his lovely paintwork again.



13. As time went on Edward and Gordon would often pass by. Edward would say "Peep! Hello!" Gordon would sneer and say, "Poop! Serves you right".



14. Poor Henry had no steam to answer. Soot and dirt had spoilt his lovely paintwork. He wondered if he would ever pull trains again.

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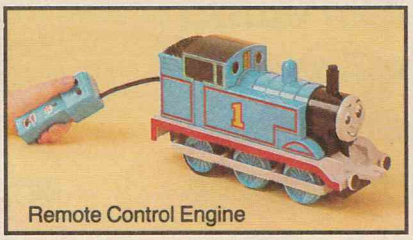
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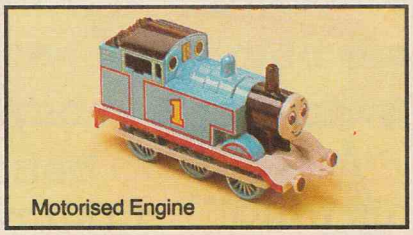
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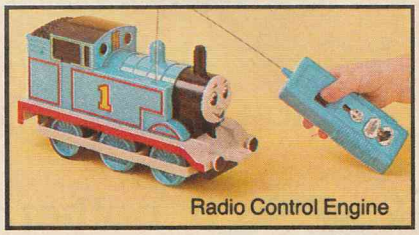
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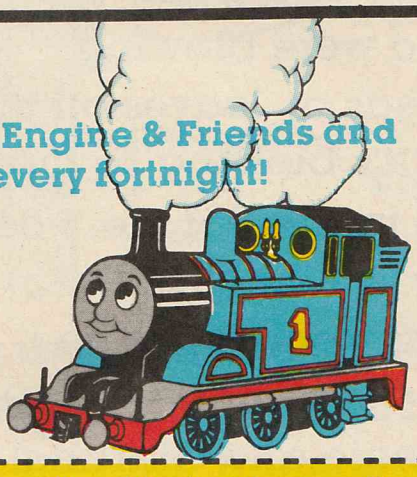

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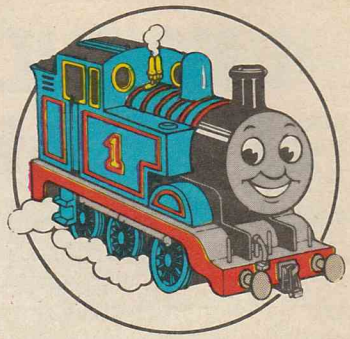


"Oh, bother this wind!" complained Thomas. It was Autumn, and gusts of wind were blowing hundreds of leaves off the trees. "It's blowing so many leaves in front of me, I can barely see the signals," Thomas went on, as he entered a station.

As Annie and Clarabel were being uncoupled, the Fat Controller came on to the platform. "Good morning, Thomas," he began. "I hope you are coping with this wind!"

But before Thomas could answer, another mighty gust whistled through the station. It blew so hard, it took the Fat Controller's top hat right off his head. "Gracious!" he cried. "My hat!"

"Don't worry! It's going my way! I'll catch it!" Thomas called out eagerly. He tooted his whistle and puffed out of the station after the hat. Thomas began to catch up with it, but then suddenly cried out, "Oh, no!"

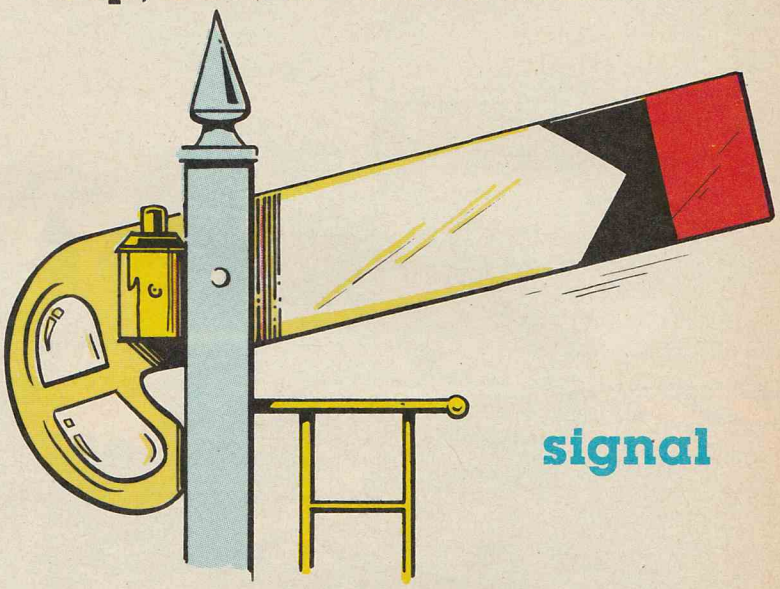
Up ahead, a signal was against him and Thomas had to put on his brakes while the hat went flying on down the track.

Thomas whistled impatiently. "Bother this signal!" he moaned, just as Gordon appeared on the opposite track, pulling the express. "I'm after a hat and you're holding me up!" cried Thomas.

"You'll catch it!" puffed Gordon. "The wind's dropping, it can't go far!"

Gordon's express flashed by, and the signal holding Thomas up finally changed. "There's still a chance!" said Thomas excitedly.

He ran on down the track. He looked this way and that but couldn't see the hat anywhere. Then suddenly he rounded a bend, and there it was – perched on top of another signal for the track alongside! Thomas rushed on even faster and was almost there when suddenly the signal dropped – and so did the hat! It bounced and rolled on to the track right in front of Thomas. With a screech of brakes and a cloud of steam, Thomas came to a halt. The hat had disappeared under his buffers. Thomas closed his eyes tight as his driver climbed down. "I haven't turned the top hat into a flat cap, have I?" asked Thomas.



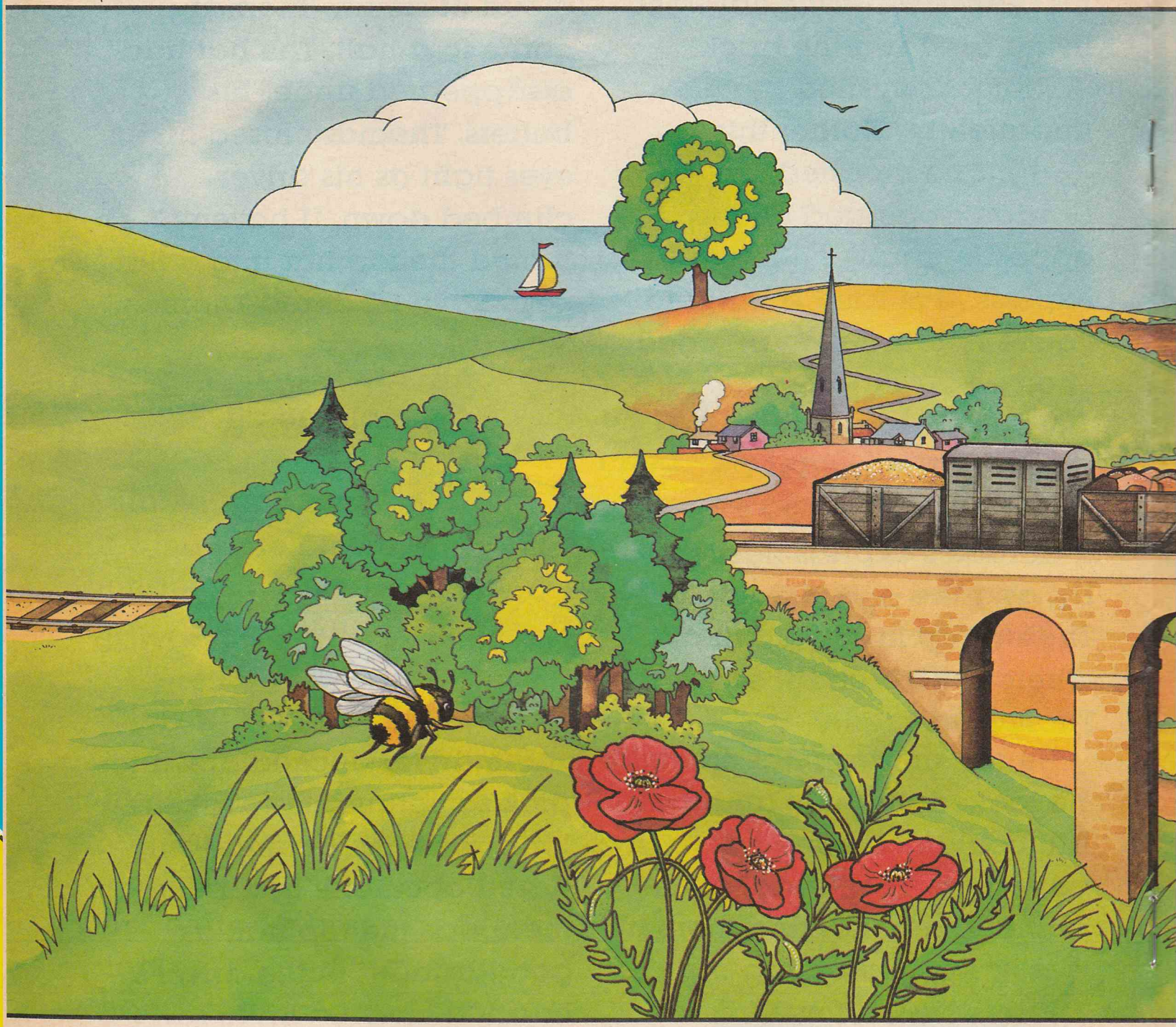
signal

The driver ducked down to pick something up. "Take a look," he said. Thomas only dared open one eye, but there was the top hat, as good as new, in the driver's hand.

"Whew!" whistled Thomas.

"The Fat Controller will be *very* pleased," said the driver.

Over the via



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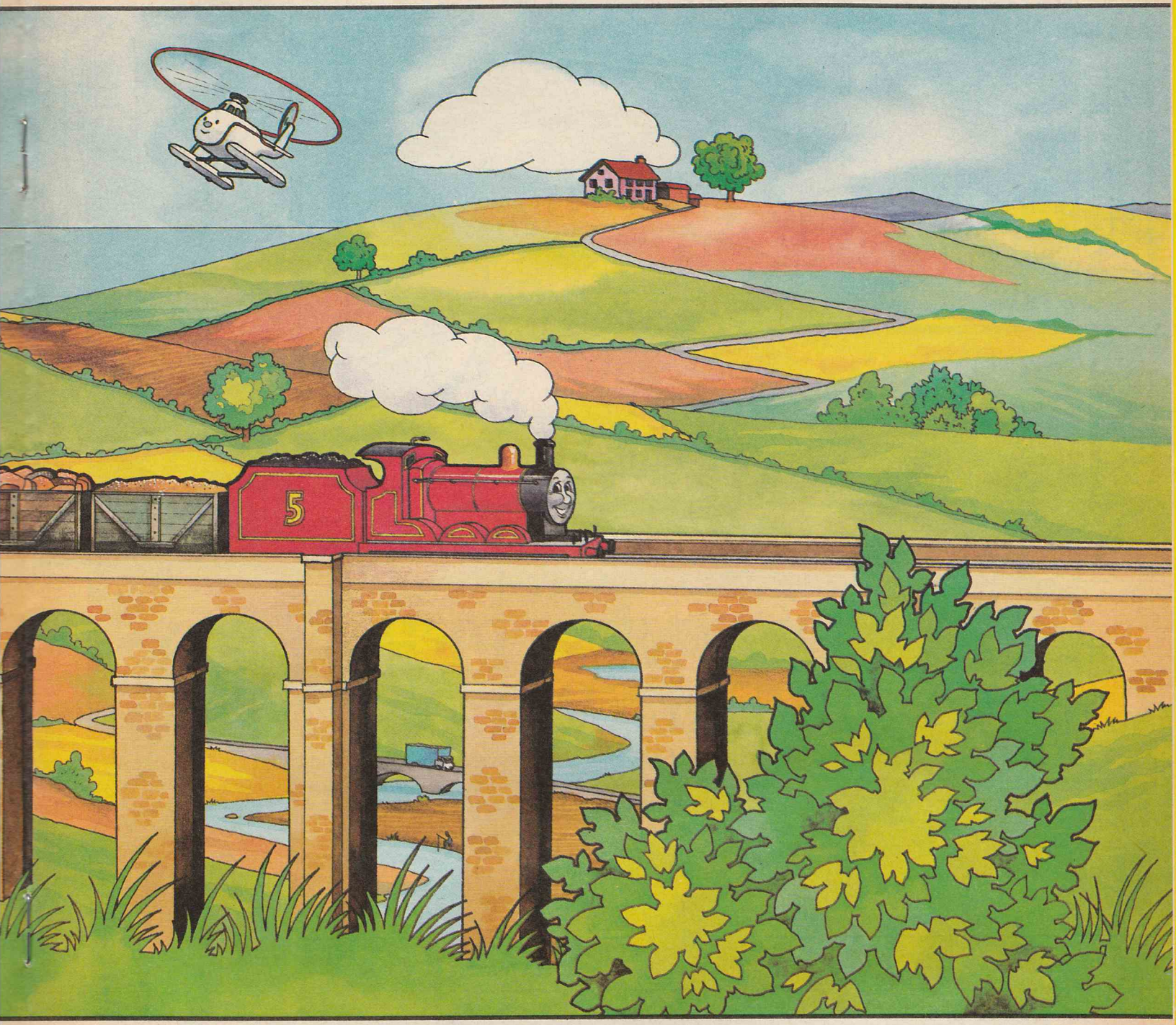

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Next: Through the wood!

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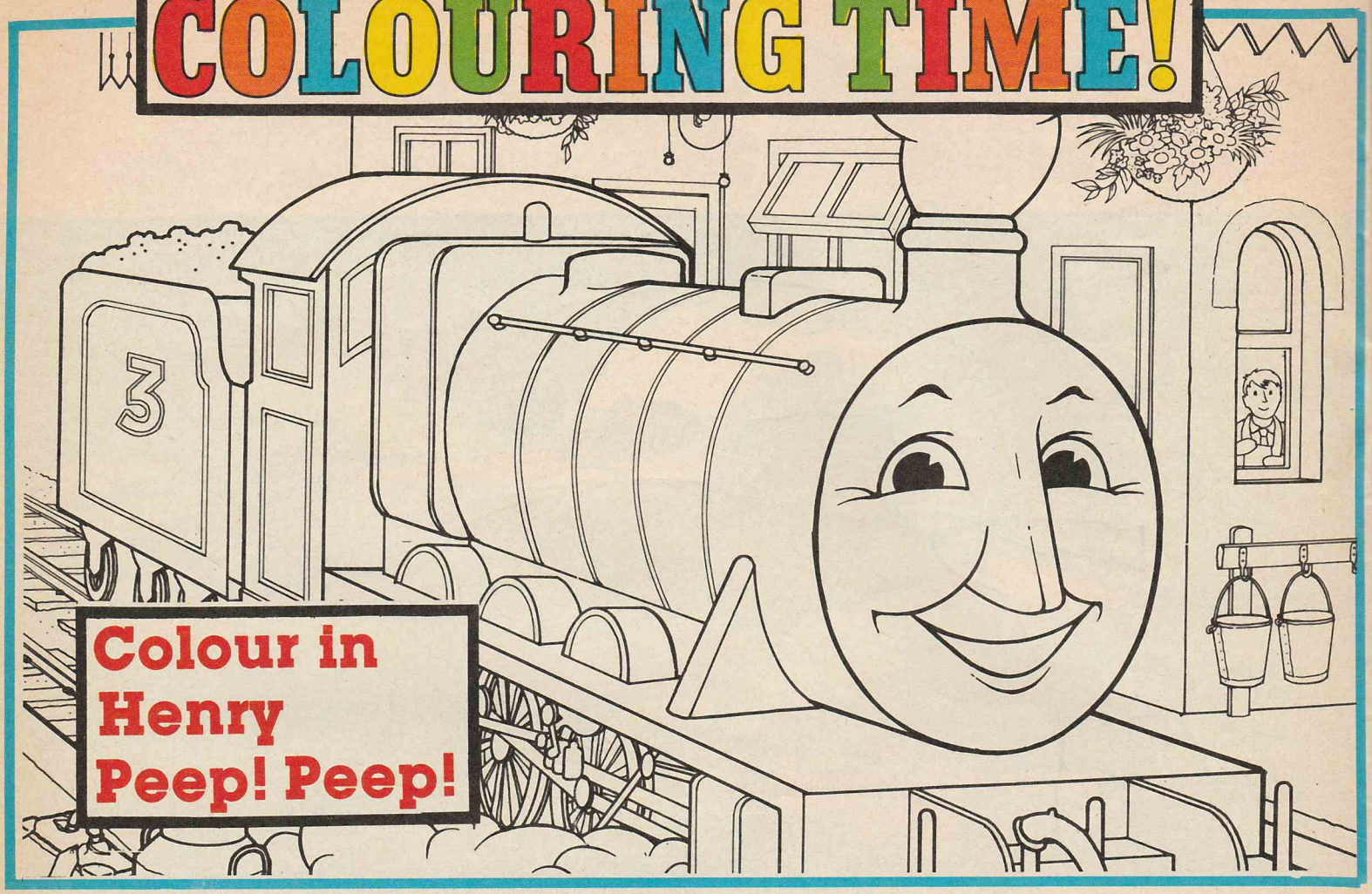

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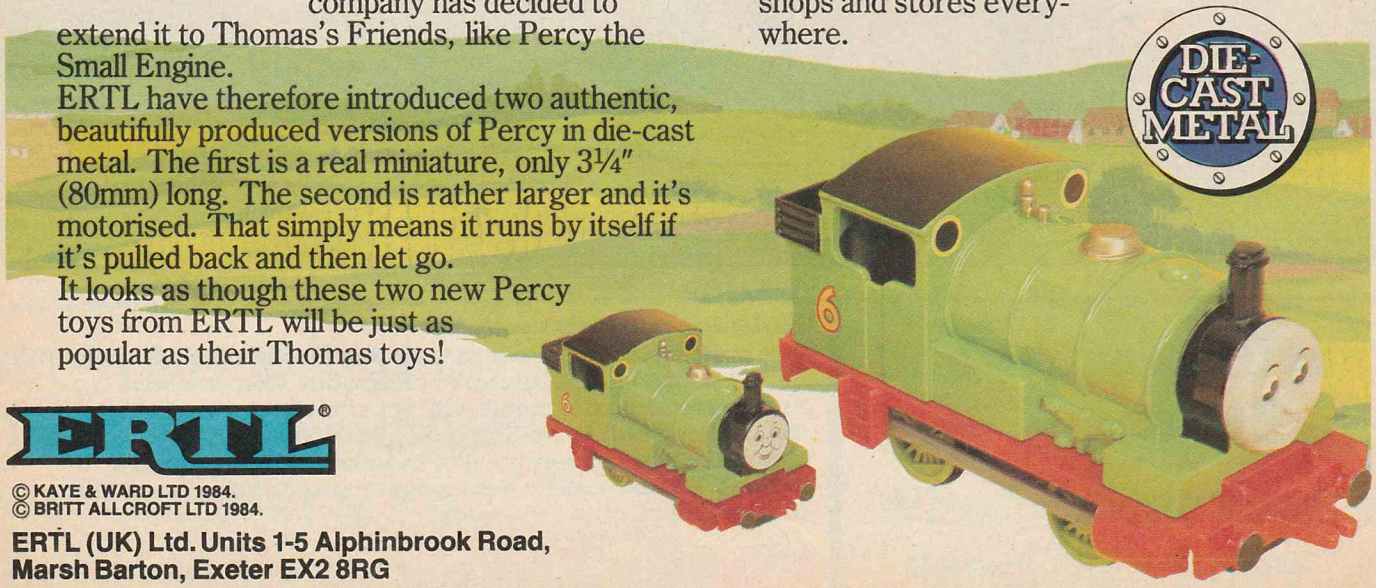

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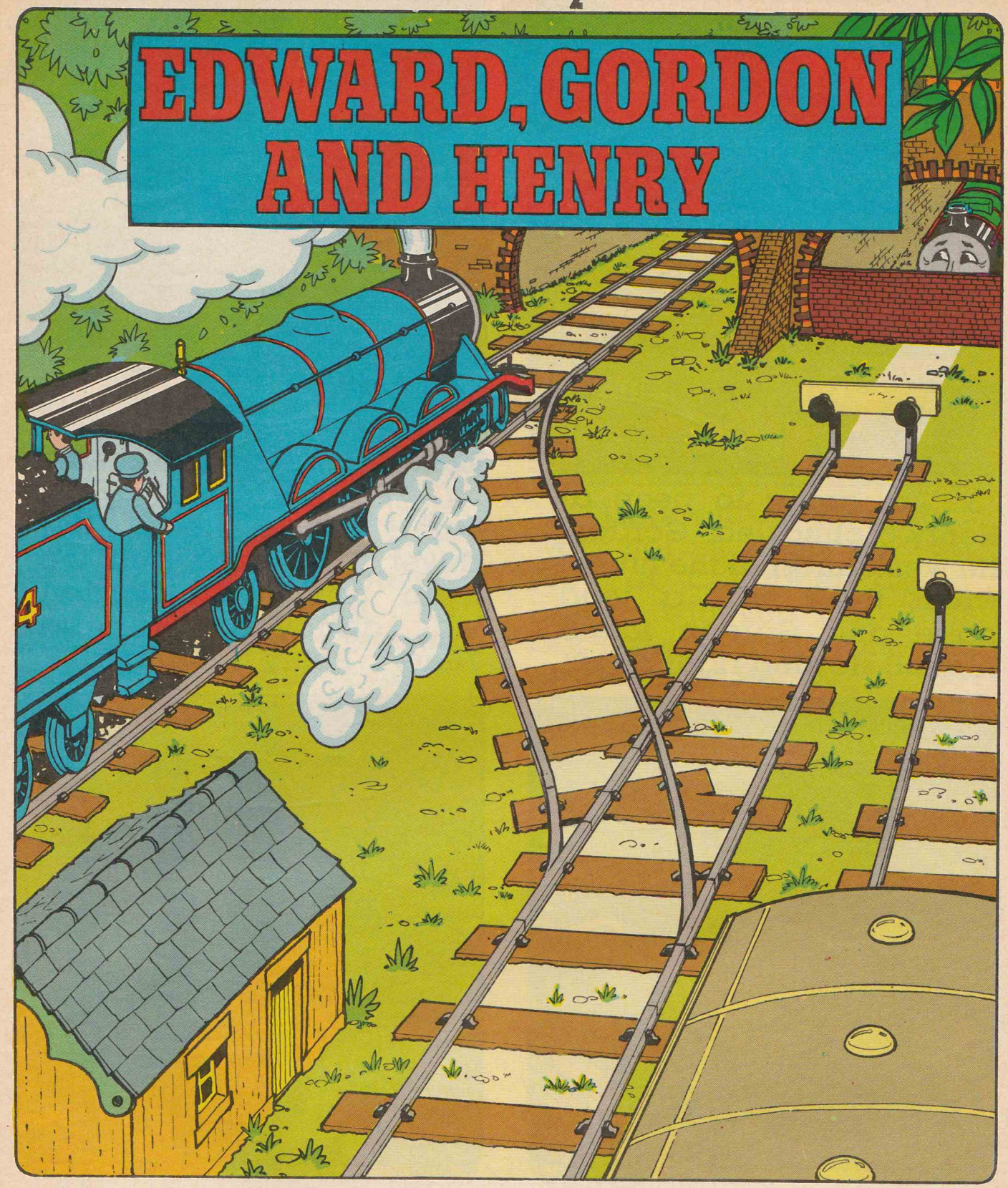
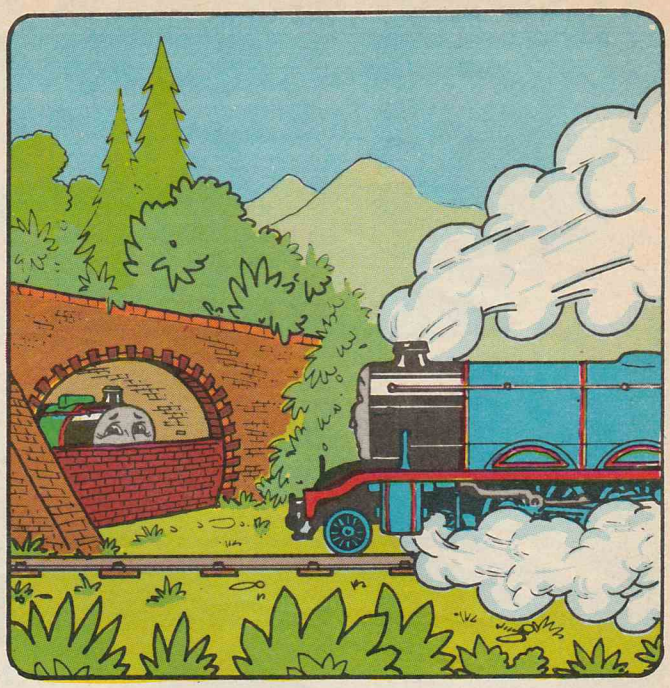


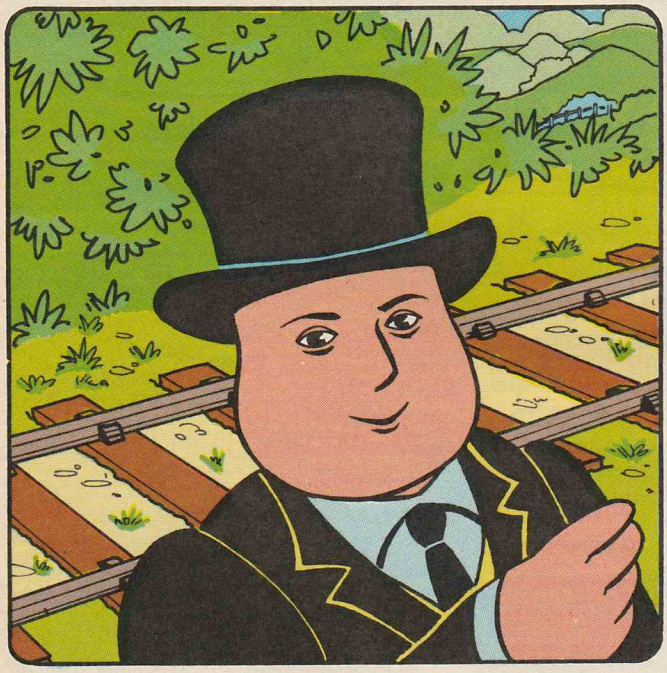
1. Gordon was very proud. He always pulled the big express. It was full of important people, like the Fat Controller. Gordon liked to see how fast he could go.

2. Gordon always passed by the tunnel where Henry stood bricked up and lonely. "Oh dear," thought Henry. "Will the Fat Controller ever let me out again?"

3. "I'm going to peep at Henry," chuckled Gordon. He was almost at the tunnel when there was a loud noise and Gordon found himself slowing right down.

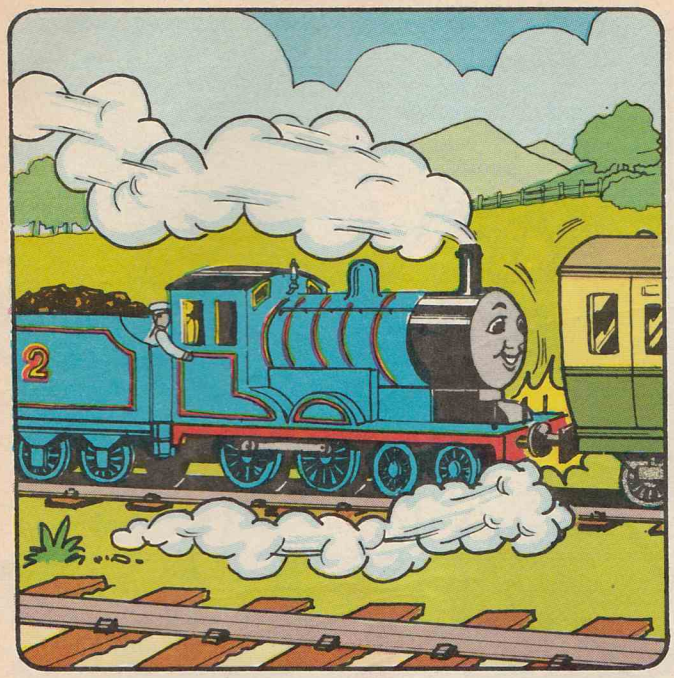


4. "You've burst your safety valve," said the driver. "You can't pull the train anymore." Gordon was annoyed. "Humph! There's Henry laughing!"

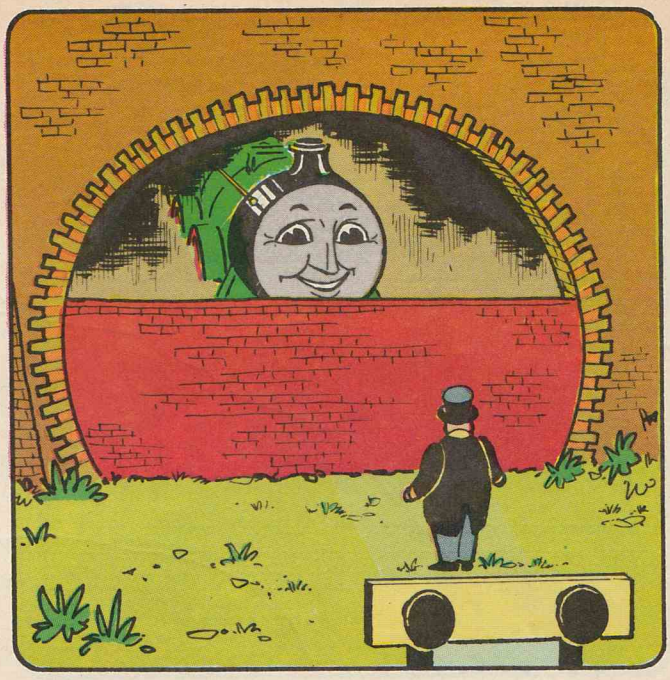


5. Everyone came to see Gordon. The Fat Controller said, "I never liked these big engines. They're always going wrong. Send for another engine at once!"

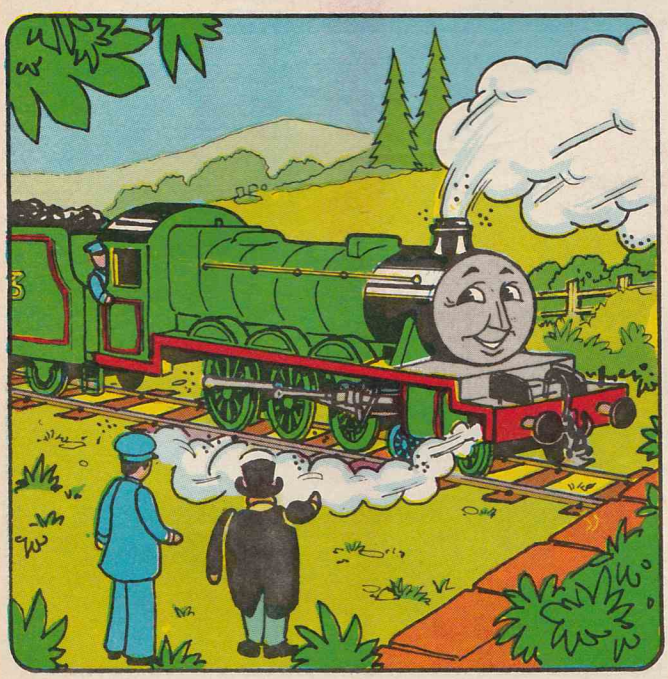
6. While the guard went to find one, they uncoupled Gordon. He slunk on to the siding out of the way. "How embarrassing," thought Gordon.



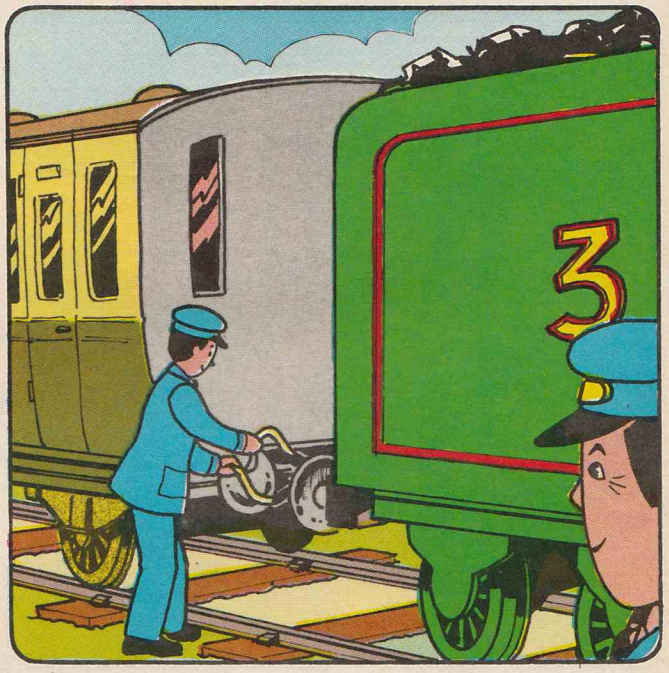
7. Edward was the only engine left. "I'll come and try," he said. Edward puffed and pushed, pushed and puffed, but he couldn't move the heavy coaches.



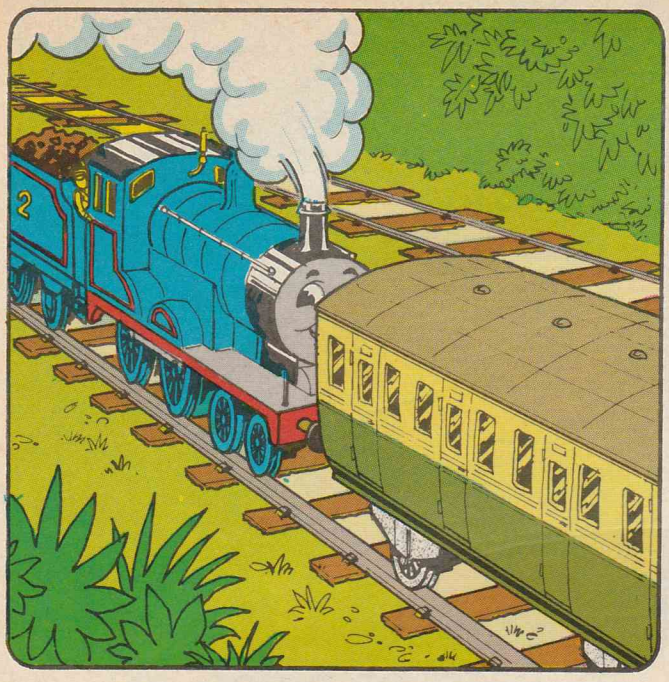
8. "I knew it," said Gordon. "Why not let Henry try?" So the Fat Controller asked Henry, "Will you help pull this train, Henry?" "Oh, yes, **please!**"said Henry.



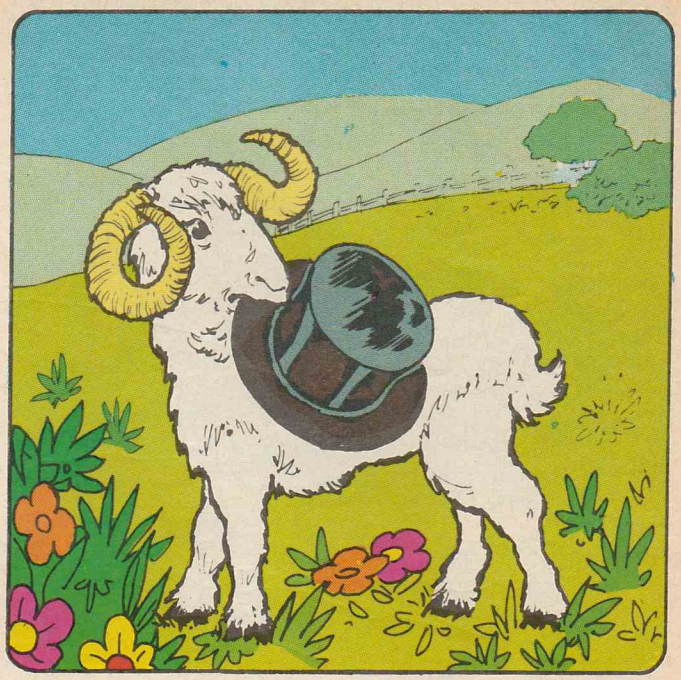
9. Henry came out of the tunnel, covered in dirt and cobwebs. "Oooh! I'm stiff!" he groaned. The Fat Controller sent him for a run to ease his joints.



10. When he came back they coupled him to the coaches. "I'm ready," said Edward. "So am I," said Henry. "Pull hard! We'll do it!" they puffed together.

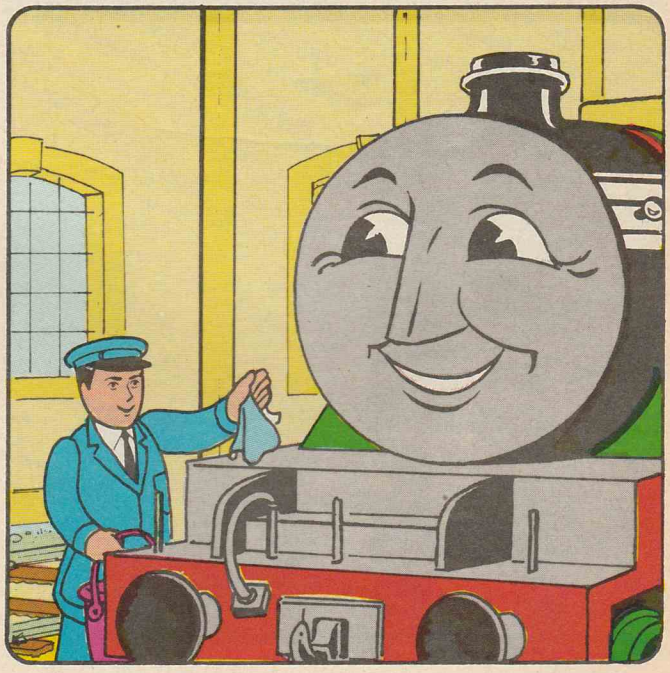


11. With Henry and Edward pulling together they soon moved the coaches. "We've done it!" they cheered. The coaches cheered too. Henry felt pleased.



12. The Fat Controller leaned out of the window to wave, but the train was going so fast his hat blew off and landed in a field. A goat ate it.

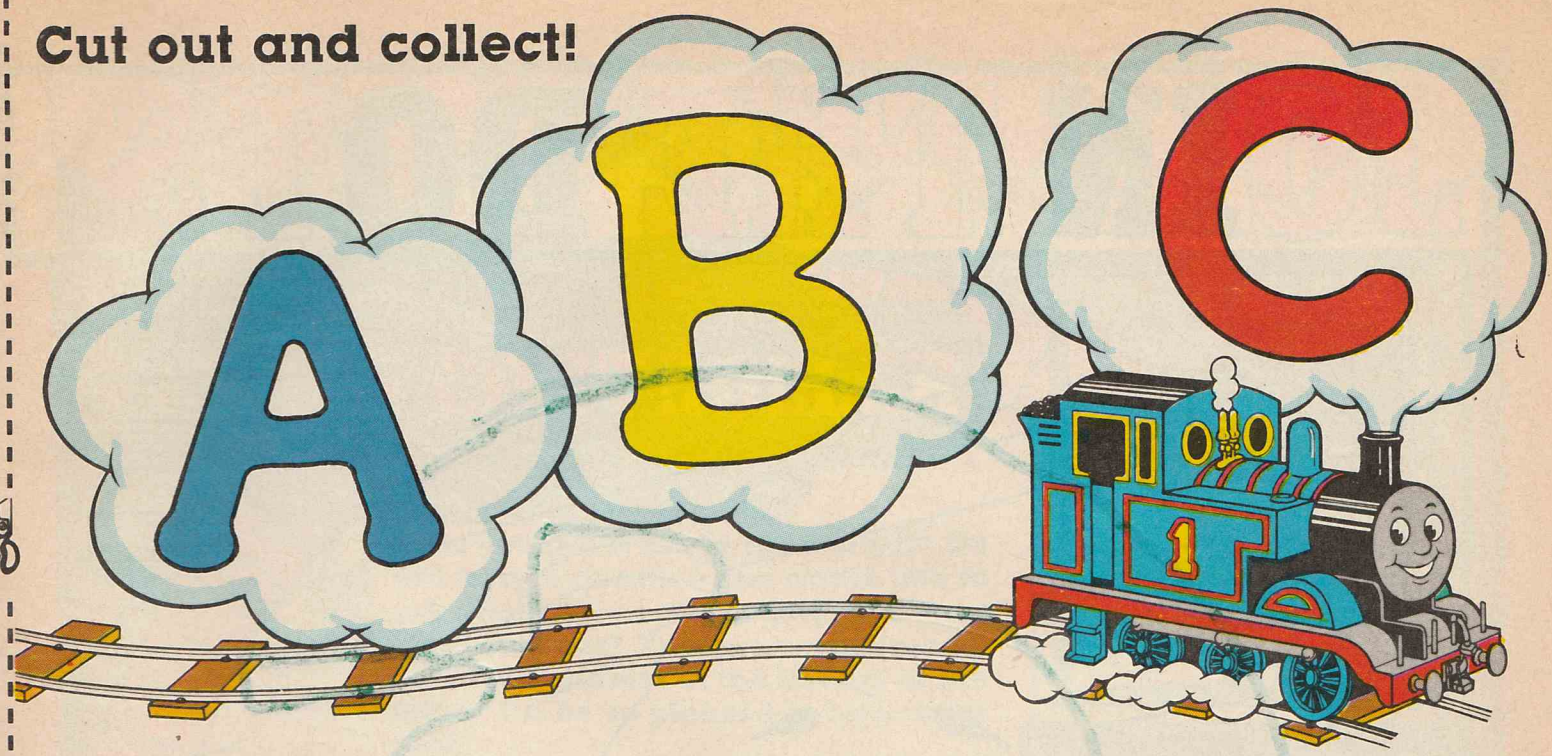
13. They only stopped when they came to the station at the end of the line. The passengers thanked them. The Fat Controller promised Henry a new coat of paint.



14. Later, Edward and Henry helped Gordon back to the shed. Henry doesn't mind the rain now. To keep his paintwork nice he asks his driver to rub him down.

Next issue: Thomas has trouble with some trucks!

Cut out and collect!



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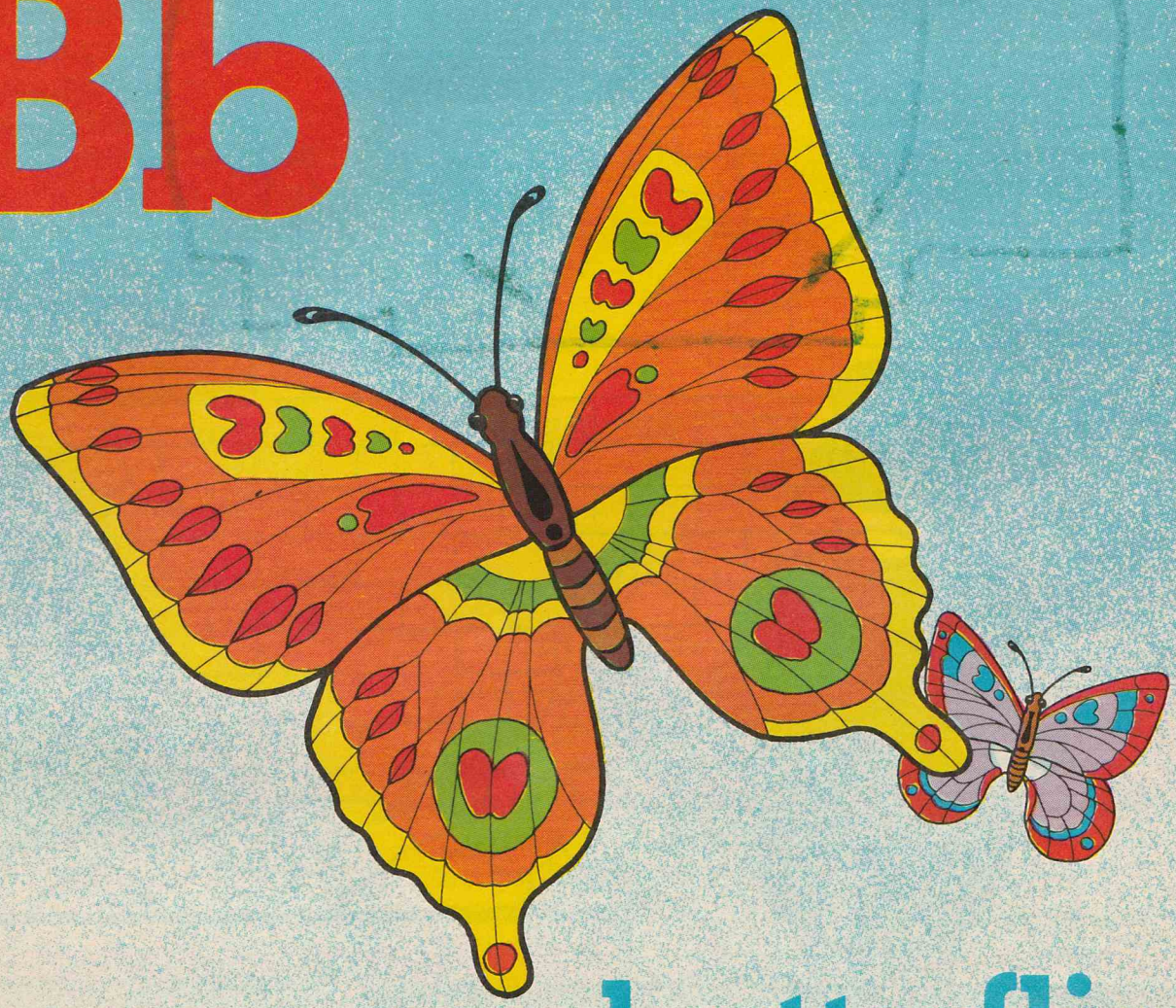

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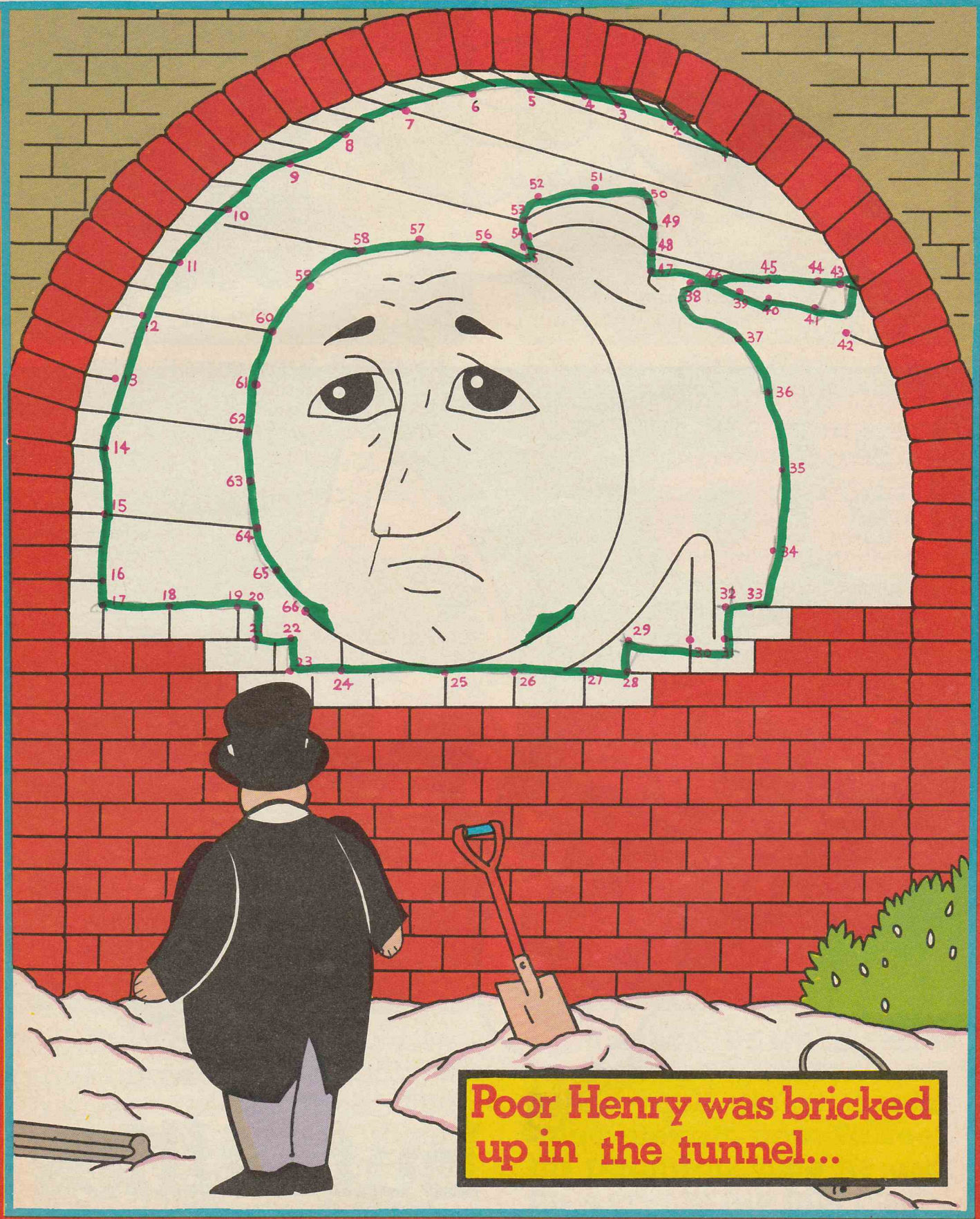

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WHEN I GROW UP!

Dear Fat Controller,
When I grow up I want to be a Fat Controller like you. How did you do it?

Love from **Tony Mercer,** aged 5.

I worked very hard at school, Tony, and I read lots of very interesting books about engines. I must tell you, though, that my job can be very hard work!

FAVOURITES!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite number is 2, my favourite colour is blue, so guess who my favourite engine is – **Edward!**

Love from Kim Hillock.

Edward is a very kind engine, and so he is a great favourite with a lot of people!

TELLING THE TIME!

Dear Fat Controller,
At school we are learning to tell the time, but I can't do it very well.

From **Jane Mills.**

Keep trying, Jane. Telling the time is very important. I have to look at my watch all the time, to check that my trains are not running late!

JAMES'S JAPES!

Why were two flies playing football in a saucer?
They were practising for the cup!

Marcus Carlton.

Waiter! What's this fly doing in my soup?
Looks like breast stroke to me, sir!

Elaine Robinson.

What do you call a train loaded with toffee?
A chew-chew!

Christy Blake.

BIRTHDAYS!

If you'd like me to mention your birthday on this page, send me details on a postcard, at least **8 weeks** in advance!

Yours,
Sir Topham Hatt
The Fat Controller

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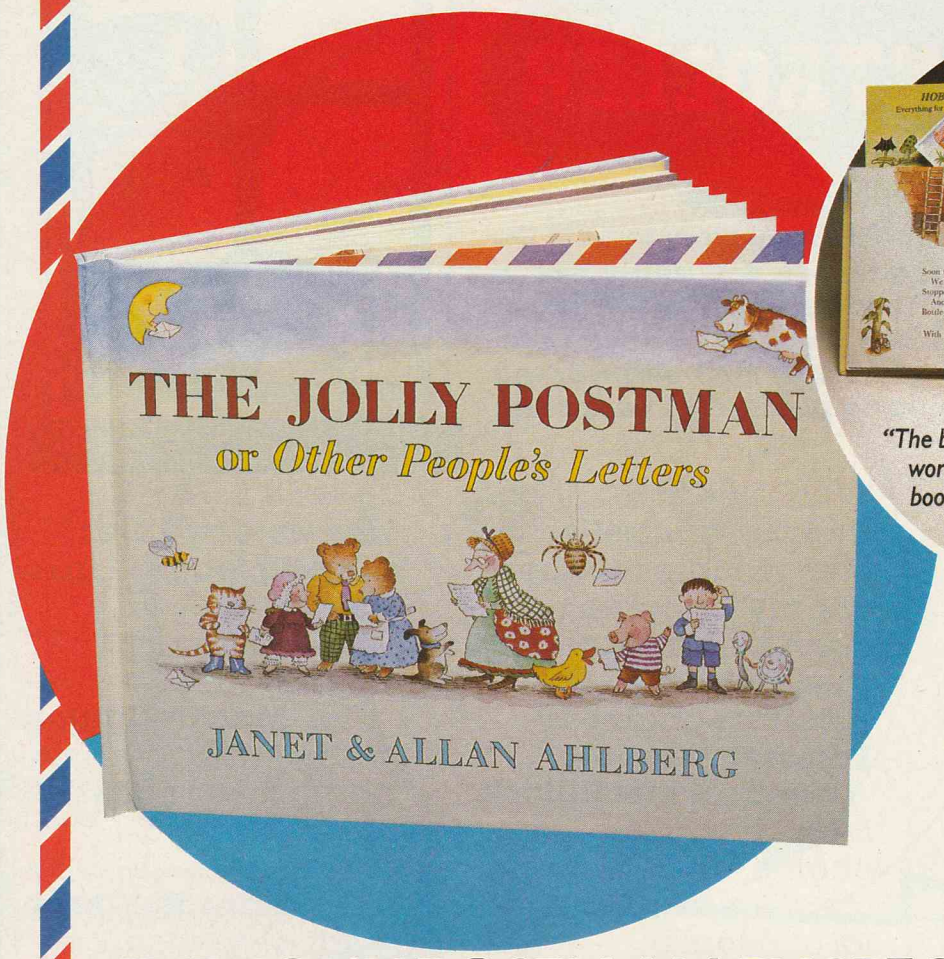

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